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5. (Internal Use - JGO) Delivered to Angela Morris, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, for Mr. Walter Pincus, [redacted]

publications in response to the telephone request of yesterday. I also met briefly with Mr. Don Henderson who expressed Mr. Pincus' appreciation for our assistance in this matter. These reference items are needed for work requested by Senator Stuart Symington (D., Mo.) this weekend.

6. (Unclassified - JGO) Delivered a personal letter from Colonel White to Ed Braswell, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff. Mr. Braswell appreciated Colonel White's kind words and noted his enjoyment in renewing his acquaintance with Colonel White.

7. (Secret - JGO) Representative John Marsh (D., Va.), who is traveling to Vietnam for Chairman Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, visited the Headquarters Building late in the afternoon and met with [redacted] SAVA, who updated information previously provided the Representative on Vietnam. Representative Marsh expressed his appreciation for the briefing at the eleventh hour and indicated that he would like to meet with [redacted] again on his return.

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Tuesday - 30 December 1969

1. (Internal Use Only - JMM) Representative John O. Marsh called to say that he was leaving on Friday, 2 January 1970 for a visit to Vietnam, where he would look into several matters in behalf of House Appropriations Committee Chairman Mahon. Marsh said if his schedule permitted he might like to come to the Agency tomorrow for a short briefing by [REDACTED] He will let us know whether he can work this in.

2. (Unclassified - JMD) Angela Morris, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called and requested on behalf of the Symington Subcommittee the "Official Use Only" books covering USSR, Red China, North Vietnam and Laos for December. I told her I would pass this request [REDACTED]

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5. (Secret - JGO) Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, called and requested a briefing on Laos for Chairman Mahon this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in room H217 of the Capitol. After checking with the Director's office, I advised Mr. Michaels that [ ] accompanied by [ ] would be available at 1:00 p.m. to meet with the Chairman at his convenience.

6. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received a call from [ ] Defense Intelligence Agency, who advised that he had been requested by [ ] to contact us concerning general matters of congressional relations. [ ] will be visiting the Headquarters in the next couple of days and will call before coming over. I told the Colonel we were looking forward to working with him.

7. (Confidential - CEA) Called Jay Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, at home and learned that he has the flu. With his agreement I arranged for the cancellation of [ ] visit until after the holidays.

8. (Secret - GLC) Talked with Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, about the Senate action yesterday in adopting the Laos amendment to the defense appropriations bill. Woodruff said he couldn't see how it could possibly be interpreted to affect the Agency and added that the expressed intent of the members was that it was not to interfere with programs presently being conducted.

9. (Secret - GLC) [ ] accompanied [ ] to a briefing of Chairman Mahon on Laos. Mr. Michaels and Mr. Preston of the Committee staff sat in. (See Memo for the Record for details.)

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Thursday - 11 December 1969

1. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, in response to his call of yesterday afternoon and provided limited comment on the Henry Taylor Washington Daily News column of 10 December 1969 for his use in responding to questions by Committee members. Mr. Michaels noted in passing that he will be continuing with the Committee through the 31st of the month and will then be going to private industry. He also indicated that although Mr. Ralph Preston has been designated to head up the Defense Subcommittee staff no mention has been made by the Chairman whether Mr. Preston or some other individual will be succeeding Mr. Michaels in the CIA Subcommittee staff position.

2. (Secret - JGO) Met with Russ Blandford, House Armed Services Committee staff, and told him that I had rechecked the information provided House Appropriations Committee concerning Soviet and ChiCom aid to North Vietnam. Those briefings were consistent with the information given to him earlier in the week. Mr. Blandford thanked me for rechecking the matter and indicated that apparently there had been a garble in the information he had received which was attributed to House Appropriations Committee and briefings provided that Committee by the Agency.

I briefed Mr. Blandford on the SS-11.

3. (Internal Use Only - JGO) I delivered to the office of Representative Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.) a personal letter from the Director.

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4. (Unclassified - RJK) Delivered [ ] to the offices of Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), Senator Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.), Senator Russell Long (D., La.) and Senator Charles McC. Mathias (R., Md.).

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Wednesday - 10 December 1969

1. (Secret - GLC) Hand carried to Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director of the Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, a full background paper on [redacted] in response to Senator Jackson's request.

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2. (Unclassified - GLC) Picked up from Scott Cohen, on the staff of Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), a copy of the speech to Jewish community leaders on the Middle East in which the Senator complimented the Agency for its evaluation of the Middle East situation in 1967.

3. (Unclassified - GLC) Checked with Ed Braswell, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who advised that Senator Stennis said he was unable to schedule a legislative meeting of the Committee tomorrow but he fully expects to schedule a meeting sometime next week.

4. (Secret - JGO) Discussed with Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, the reported statement attributed to the Committee concerning aid by the Soviet Union and Communist China given to the North Vietnamese. Mr. Michaels advised that the figures used (1.2 billion, Soviet and 800 million, ChiCom) were not provided by the Appropriations Committee staff nor had they been used in any of the floor debates that he is familiar with. (See Journal item of 8 December.)

Mr. Michaels called later in the day concerning the Henry Taylor Washington Daily News column of 10 December and requested a rundown on Mr. Taylor's facts. Although he feels the answer is known to some of the statements, Agency guidance will be appreciated for response to Committee questions.

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5. (Secret - JGO) Met with Chairman George Miller (D., Calif.), House Science and Astronautics Committee, who told me that the press of business will be such between now and the close of the session that he is going to withhold scheduling of an Agency briefing until after January 10. Chairman Miller noted in passing that he is looking forward with great anticipation to visiting the South Pole during the Christmas holidays.

I briefed the Chairman on a Soviet space failure.

6. (Secret - JGO) Talked to Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who advised that the figures he gave me last week on Soviet and Chinese aid to North Vietnam should have read 1.2 billion and 800 million respectively. These figures ostensibly were given to the House Appropriations Committee by the Agency earlier in the year. I advised Mr. Blandford that both the original figures he gave me last week and the revised figures are incorrect but that I would recheck the matter and be back in touch with him.

7. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Devlin, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who advised that in hearings last Friday on H.R. 15024 (a bill to provide a 5 per cent increase in annuities based on involuntary separation from Civil Service between 1 November 1969 and 2 January 1970) the Committee Chairman and Minority Leader indicated almost unalterable opposition to the bill.

I met later with the Bill Clerk of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee, Donna Yee, who advised that the Committee reported H.R. 9233 yesterday to include an amendment providing for 5 per cent increase in annuities payable for involuntary separation having a commencing date after 1 November 1969 and before 2 January 1970. (Apparently no hearing was held on this annuity increase before reporting the bill to the Senate.)

  
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6. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and delivered to him a [redacted] letter for Chairman Mahon. I congratulated Mr. Preston on his formal designation as head of the Defense Subcommittee staff and talked to him about briefings on the Agency. Mr. Preston told me that he and the staff will be working the entire weekend and possibly nights for a while. Although he will come out as soon as possible, it may well be after Christmas before he will be able to devote any time to Agency matters.

7. (Internal Use Only - CEA) In response to an earlier inquiry I informed Mr. Drury Blair, on the staff of the Senate Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee, that between 7 and 8 thousand Jews have emigrated from Eastern Europe since the 1967 war. I noted that about 6 thousand of these were Polish. I also called his attention to a recent article in the New York Times on this subject.

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Friday - 5 December 1969

1. (Confidential - GLC) Messrs. Maury and [ ] escorted

[ ] on a visit to Capitol Hill. Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) met with them for about approximately 45 minutes. (See Memo for the Record for details.)

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2. (Secret - JGO) [ ] OCI, accompanied by [ ] met with Mr. Darrell St. Claire, Clerk of the Senate, and debriefed him on the recent congressional delegation trip to the International Parliamentarian Union Meeting in New Delhi, India. Mr. St. Claire noted in particular the treatment accorded the delegation, headed by Senator John Sparkman (D., Ala.), in visits to Nepal and Pakistan as well as India. No followup action is required from the meeting. (See [ ] Memorandum for the Record for details.)

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3. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mrs. Reed, Assistant to Representative Philip Philbin (D., Mass.), and gave her a copy of the Agency's letter of 3 October 1969 to [ ] an applicant for reemployment. Mrs. Reed is acting on constituent personnel matters during Mr. Gaucher's absence this week from the office.

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4. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, and discussed with him the questions raised earlier in the week by Mr. Blandford concerning Soviet attitude toward the American position at the Paris Peace Talks and the monetary cost of Soviet and Communist Chinese support given North Vietnam. Mr. Slatinshek requested that the matter be covered with Mr. Blandford on his return to the office on Monday. I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on the Soviet SS-9 ICBM.

5. (Unclassified - JGO) Chairman Mahon announced the designation of Mr. Ralph Preston to head up the Defense Subcommittee staff in yesterday's meeting of the full House Appropriations Committee.

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6. (Secret - JMM) Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called and said that Messrs. James Lowenstein and Richard Moose, of the Committee staff, would be travelling to Saigon on Committee business, arriving on 7 December and leaving on 18 December. Mr. Marcy asked that the Director send a cable to the field advising the Agency people to cooperate with Lowenstein and Moose as they did with Messrs. Pincus and Paul.

Later in the day, Mr. Lowenstein called to advise that he and Mr. Moose would be staying at the Caravelle Hotel in Saigon. He said that they would be interested in seeing our people separately from the country team. Lowenstein said that their primary interest would center on the status of the pacification program, the prospects for Vietnamization, and the general political and military situations in both Saigon and the field. He said they expected to travel extensively outside of Saigon.

7. (Unclassified - JGO) Met with Mr. John Martiny, Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and received from him a copy of H.R. 15024 which was introduced by Mr. Daniels and Mr. Dulski last night. This bill will provide a 5 per cent increase in certain annuities for involuntary separation having a commencing date after November 1, 1969, but before January 2, 1970. This is an Administration bill introduced at the request of the Department of Defense. Mr. Martiny advised that hearings probably will be scheduled for next week.

8. (Secret - JGO) Met with Messrs. John Blandford and Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, and thanked them for the Committee's action in the expeditious passage of H.R. 14571.

Mr. Blandford noted that information has been provided the Chairman concerning the dollar cost of Soviet and Chinese support to North Vietnam and requested verification of the amounts together with certain other information. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

9. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, who advised that as yet no changes have been made in staff assignment of the Committee. Mr. Michaels also advised that he will be staying with the Committee through the month of December.

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